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PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: January 12, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:09 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:04 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Lincoln Plowman
Sherron Franklin
Lynn McWhirter
William Oliver
Steve Talley

Absent Members

Scott Schneider

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 4, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$428,632 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (County General Fund) to transfer pre-trial release funds from the Marion County Justice Agency to the Marion Superior Court, Probation Division
"Do Pass as Amended" Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 5, 2005 - approves an increase of \$13,583 in the 2005 Budget of Marion Superior Court (County General Fund) to provide funds needed to cover matching funds for Child Advocates, Inc.
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 6, 2005 - approves an increase of \$155,423 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division (Federal Grants and Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds), to fund the 2005 salary and benefits of the Urban Search & Rescue (US & R) Task Force Coordinator, and to purchase rescue equipment, clothing supplies, and other equipment, financed by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency and a transfer between characters
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 7, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$1,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (County Grants Fund) to purchase a Data Projector, funded by a previous grant from Target
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

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PROPOSAL NO. 8, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$2,973 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to purchase supplies, for Community Prosecution, previously awarded federal Community Prosecution Leadership Award by the U.S. Department of Justice
“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 9, 2005 - approves an increase of \$4,000 in the 2005 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to purchase eight traffic radar units for the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership, funded by a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for outstanding efforts in Operation Pull Over
“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 10, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$16,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Prosecutor (Deferral Fee Fund) to transfer surplus funds in Character 03 to Character 01 to fund overtime salary and fringes for Marion County Sheriff Deputies for Interstate/Aggressive Driving Enforcement through December 2005
“Do Pass as Amended”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 11, 2005 - approves an increase of \$250,000 in the 2005 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (Diversion Fee Fund) to replace a decrease of \$250,000 in the 2005 Character 01, Personal Services Budget in the County General Fund, to fund salaries for the Prosecutor’s Office
“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 12, 2005 - approves an increase of \$30,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund a staff position for the development and delivery of coordinated services to families, funded by a grant from Efroymsen Fund, Central Indiana Community Foundation
“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 13, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$192,730 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Conditional Release Fund) to transfer Conditional Release Funds from the Marion County Justice Agency to the Marion Superior Court, Probation Division
“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 14, 2005 - amends the Code with respect to Conditional Release Funds to provide Funding for Crime Stoppers in Marion County and establishes a nonreverting Crime Stoppers Dedicated Fund
“Postponed”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 15, 2005 - approves an increase of \$263,775 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund), to fund technical assistance to Family Justice Centers and to fund the Super Achilles unit, dedicated to arresting the most violent criminals in Marion County, financed by federal grants from the US Department of Justice
“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, January 12, 2005. Chairwoman Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. with the following members present: Sherron Franklin, Lynn McWhirter, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, and Steve Talley. Absent was Scott Schneider.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams congratulated Councillor Talley on becoming the new President of the City County Council. She also welcomed Councillor Bowes to the public safety meeting.

PROPOSAL NO. 14, 2005 - amends the Code with respect to Conditional Release Funds to provide Funding for Crime Stoppers in Marion County and establishes a nonreverting Crime Stoppers Dedicated Fund

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked for a motion to postpone Proposal No. 14, 2005 because of the search for additional revenues for funding the Crime Stoppers in Marion County.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to postpone Proposal No. 14, 2005 until the February 09, 2005 Public Safety Committee Meeting. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 4, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$428,632 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (County General Fund) to transfer pre-trial release funds from the Marion County Justice Agency to the Marion Superior Court, Probation Division

[Clerks note: Consent was given to hear Proposal No. 4 and Proposal No. 13 together.]

Sue Patterson, Director of Finance for the Court Services Agency, stated that Proposal No. 04, 2005 would transfer from the County General Fund that funds the Pre-Trail Release Fund. She stated that there is a minor correction to the "other services and charges" portion. The information that was given was early grant numbers but the final grant numbers showed that the "other services and charges" should be dropped from \$23,678 to \$21,500 which will change the total increase to \$425,454. Ms. Patterson said that by moving pre-trail release officers to probation officers would cause what is called "a wraparound on supervision". That means that a person put on pre-trail release would be supervised all the way to the end of the probationary term. All pre-trail release officers are required to pass the probation officer certification within the first six months. After receiving this certification these officers will have a probation officer's caseload.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to Amend Proposal No. 4, 2005 to change the total in the amount. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Councillor Plowman asked if the transfer of the duties would increase the caseload. Ms. Patterson stated that there has been some significant reclassification in cases and it has brought the caseloads down to just over the recommended standard for the state. This transfer would allow the caseload to be spread out more and will help with bringing the caseload down. Councillor Plowman asked if this transfer would help with the jail overcrowding problem. Ms. Patterson answered in the negative.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 04, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 13, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$192,730 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion Superior Court (Conditional Release Fund) to transfer Conditional Release Funds from the Marion County Justice Agency to the Marion Superior Court, Probation Division

Ms. Patterson stated that Proposal No. 13, 2005 is the remainder of the budgetary requirements of pre-trial release officers that is funded out of the Conditional Release Fund, making the Marion Superior Court, Probation Division responsible for this fund.

Councillor Bowes asked if Proposal No. 04, 2005 and Proposal No. 13, 2005 are a result of the study the Criminal Justice Planning Council put together. Ms. Patterson answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 13, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Councillor Plowman asked what the status of the study on the Arrestee Processing Center is. Diana Burleson, Director of the Marion County Justice Agency, (MCJA), stated that she has received what she believes is the final draft, but she has not reviewed it yet. She said that she would leave copies in the Council office for the members of the public safety committee.

PROPOSAL NO. 5, 2005 - approves an increase of \$13,583 in the 2005 Budget of Marion Superior Court (County General Fund) to provide funds needed to cover matching funds for Child Advocates, Inc.

Ms. Patterson said that these are the funds for the Guardian Ad Litem program, which operates in the juvenile court. The county is required to at least match the funding that is given by the state, so this \$13,583 is an increase that was not budgeted for the 2005 budget in order to make sure that there was a equal match for this Child Advocates program.

Councillor McWhirter asked if these funds were coming out of the County General Fund. Dan Jones, Deputy Auditor, answered in the affirmative. Councillor McWhirter asked why the balance of the County General Fund was not listed on the ordinance. Mr. Jones stated that he was not sure and that he would provide an updated version of the ordinance with the balance of the County General Fund listed.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 05, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 12, 2005 - approves an increase of \$30,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Superior Court (State and Federal Grants Fund) to fund a staff position for the development and delivery of coordinated services to families, funded by a grant from Efroymsen Fund, Central Indiana Community Foundation

Ms. Patterson said that this staff position would assist Janiece Hinkle, the Family Court Project Coordinator, in manually coordinating any kind of domestic issue for the family court.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked if the \$30,000 includes fringes and benefits. Ms. Patterson answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 12, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 6, 2005 - approves an increase of \$155,423 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division (Federal Grants and Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds), to fund the 2005 salary and benefits of the Urban Search & Rescue (US & R) Task Force Coordinator, and to purchase rescue equipment, clothing supplies, and other equipment, financed by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency and a transfer between characters

William Brown, Indiana Task Force One Coordinator, stated that part of this increase is a re-appropriation moving funds from Character 03 to Character 02 and Character 04 to purchase equipment. A part of the funds will cover the salaries and benefits for the Task Force Coordinator. The remaining part of this appropriation is Non-Lapsing Federal Grant funds.

Chairwoman Moriarty Adams asked what types of rescue equipment would be purchased. Mr. Brown said that they are going to purchase new rope rescue equipment, new communication equipment and hardy cases, which are heavy-duty storage boxes.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 06, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 7, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$1,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (County Grants Fund) to purchase a Data Projector, funded by a previous grant from Target

Major Ron Chappell, Marion County Sheriff Department, stated that this is a request to transfer \$1000 from supplies to equipment to purchase the Data Projector and the Data Equipment. Major Chappell said that the City County Council already approved this funding and this is just a request to transfer the funds.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 07, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 8, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$2,973 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to purchase supplies, for Community Prosecution, previously awarded federal Community Prosecution Leadership Award by the U.S. Department of Justice

Lisa Bentley, Chief of Operations for the Prosecutors office, stated that Proposal No. 08, 2005 is a request for a transfer \$2,973 due to a surplus in Character 04.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 08, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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PROPOSAL NO. 9, 2005 - approves an increase of \$4,000 in the 2005 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (State and Federal Grants Fund) to purchase eight traffic radar units for the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership, funded by a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for outstanding efforts in Operation Pull Over

Ms. Bentley stated that Proposal No. 09, 2005 is part of an award that has been given for two years in a row for outstanding performance to the Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership.

Councillor Oliver stated that he is working with IPD and MCSD on the policy of determining officer placement when using these radar detectors.

[Clerks note: Councillor Oliver left at 5:47 p.m.]

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 09, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 10, 2005 - approves a transfer of \$16,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Prosecutor (Deferral Fee Fund) to transfer surplus funds in Character 03 to Character 01 to fund overtime salary and fringes for Marion County Sheriff Deputies for Interstate/Aggressive Driving Enforcement through December 2005

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to Amend Proposal No. 10, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Bentley stated that these are funds from the 2005 budget in the referral fund. This would include MCSD in the interstate enforcement program, and the sheriff deputies need to be paid out of Character 01. This program was initiated through Traffic Safety Partnership in October, 2004 after several newspaper articles were written complaining about road rage on the Marion County interstate. The Director of the Aggressive Driving Enforcement sent a status report from October to December: 7 arrests were made for outstanding warrants for felony and misdemeanor arrests; 12 summonses for driving while suspended; 14 summonses for operating a vehicle with a license; 300 to 400 speeding tickets were given out. She stated that the program is answering a call from the public and doing a great job.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 10, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 11, 2005 - approves an increase of \$250,000 in the 2005 Budget of Marion County Prosecutor (Diversion Fee Fund) to replace a decrease of \$250,000 in the 2005 Character 01, Personal Services Budget in the County General Fund, to fund salaries for the Prosecutor's Office

Ms. Bentley stated that these funds are necessary to offset the increased cost of health care for Marion County. She said that \$250,000 was deducted from the salary budget of the prosecutor in the County General Fund and would be replaced with the projected fund balance in the Diversion Fee Fund in 2005.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 11, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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PROPOSAL NO. 15, 2005 - approves an increase of \$263,775 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund), to fund technical assistance to Family Justice Centers and to fund the Super Achilles unit, dedicated to arresting the most violent criminals in Marion County, financed by federal grants from the US Department of Justice

Elizabeth Allison, IPD Grant Management, stated that this proposal is made up of two grants that have been awarded. The first grant is that the City of Indianapolis and the Juliann Center have been awarded the Family Justice Center designation. Ms. Allison said that the City of Indianapolis was used as the model for this grant program and has been asked to assist with the training for the 15 cities across the country that have received this grant award. The total award given to Indianapolis for this project was \$143,125. The project leaders are developing a curriculum and will soon have at least six representatives from the 15 cities, visiting the Indianapolis Police Department, the Julian Center, and Family Justice Center. Ms. Allison said that the second part is the Super Achilles Unit and is a new unit that was started about 3 months ago. This unit is a task force to work on the most violent offenders who have committed the most crimes in Marion County and the crowd that circulates around these offenders. She said that the total amount of the second part of the grant is \$120,650, and it is funded by Project Safe Neighborhood.

Councillor Plowman stated that there are some concerns on placement of the offenders that are arrested, and asked if this will affect the jail overcrowding problem. Ms. Allison said that this would not help with the immediate jail problem, but eventually the offenders would be sent to the federal jail.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 15, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chairwoman
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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